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SUBJECT: PROVISIONAL IRA ENDS CEASEFIRE

1. FULL TEXT PROVISIONAL IRA STATEMENTS REVEALS 8 REASONS

FOR ENDING CEASEFIRE MIDNIGHT JANUARY 16:

- (A) LACK RESPONSE SECSTATE REES IN COMMONS SPEECH TO PEACE PROPOSALS SUBMITTED,
- (B) TRUCE NOT OBSERVED BY CROWN FORCES EXCEPT FOR CHRISTMAS PERIOD,
- (C) ONLY THREE INTERNEES TWO REPUBLICANS ONE LOYALIST FREED BEFORE CHRISTMAS INSTEAD OF RELEASE SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER POLITICAL PRISONERS,
- (D) VOLUNTEER JAMES MOYNE DIED LONG KESH AFTER BEING REFUSED MEDICAL TREATMENT,
- (D) CONCERTED BRUTALITY CAMPAIGN AGAINST POLITICAL PRISONERS PORTLAOISE, CRUMLIN ROAD, ENGLISH PRISONS, BECAME VERY APPARENT DURING TRUCE,
- (F) COMPASSIONATE CHRISTMAS PAROLE REFUSED BY AUTHORITIES IN PRISONS NORTH AND SOUTH,
- (G) STAFF CAPTAIN JOHN GREENE O/C NORTH ARMAGH ASSASSINATED IN COUNTY MONAGHAN BY BRITISH EXECUTION SQUAD,
- (H) ARREST KEVIN MALLON BY DUBLIN AUTHORITIES SEVERE BLOW

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BECAUSE OF VITAL ROLE HE PLAYED IN PEACE INITIATIVE.

2. WITH EXCEPTION PROVISIONAL SINN FEIN CONSENSUS REACTIONS NORTHERN IRELAND TO BREAKDOWN CEASEFIRE PLACES BLAME SQUARELY AND ENTIRELY ON PROVISIONAL IRA. ALTHOUGH NATURE PEACE PROPOSALS STILL NOT KNOWN TO POLITICIANS AND GENERAL PUBLIC IN NORTH THERE APPEARS VERY LITTLE SUBSTANCE IN RATIONALE PROVISIONAL STATEMENT THAT WOULD GARNER SUPPORT FOR RESUMPTION HOSTILITIES. EXCEPT FOR STATIONARY ROAD BLOCKS AND ROUTINE PATROLS, SECURITY ACTIVITIES CATHOLIC AREAS EFFECTIVELY HALTED DURING CEASEFIRE PERIOD. ARMY MADE SPECIAL EFFORT IMPROVE RELATIONS DURING THAT TIME. ACCUSATION THAT JOHN GREEN KILLED BY ARMY BALANCED BY BODY OF RUMOR IN NORTH THAT GREENE EXECUTED BY PROVISIONALS FOR INFORMING. PRO-REPUBLICAN BELFAST IRISH NEWS DESCRIBED GREEN AND MALLON PRETEXTS AS "EXCURSIONS".

SEVERAL GROUPS INCLUDING SOCIAL DEMONCRATIC AND LABOUR PARTY (SDLP) AND ASSOCIATION LEGAL JUSTICE SPECULATE THAT RELEASE MORE DETAINEES COULD HAVE MADE DIFFERENCE BUT THIS IS MINORITY VIEW IN GREAT MASS OPINION THAT HMG AND SECSTATE REES WENT AS FAR AS FEASIBLE IN LIGHT CONFLICTING PRESSURES.

3. UNIONISTS CALLING FOR DECISIVE ACTION BY SECURITY FORCES AGAINST ANY WHO INITIATE HOSTILITIES. AMONG PARAMILITARY GROUPS IT BELIEVED ULSTER DEFENCE ASSOCIATION TOO DIVIDED BY INTERNAL DISPUTES TO TAKE EFFECTIVE CONCERTED ACTION AND KEN GIBSON OF THE ULSTER VOLUNTEER FORCE HAS CALLED FOR THAT ORGANIZATION MAINTAIN ITS CEASEFIRE. HOWEVER RED HAND COMMANDOS HAVE STATED THEY WILL IMMEDIATELY RETALIATE FOR ATTACKS ON POLICE OR SOLDIERS. ONE TANGIBLE RESULT CEASEFIRE HAS BEEN GROWTH AWARENESS THAT CATHOLIC COMMUNITY AS WHOLE AS WEARY OF TERRORISM AND ITS REPERCUSSIONS AS IS PROTESTANT COMMUNITY. CERTAINLY GOVERNMENT AND HOPEFULLY PARAMILITARY REACTION TO RENEWAL IRA TERRORISM WILL NOT RPT NOT TAKE FORMS THAT REAWAKEN MINORITY FEARS AND HOSTILITY AND THEREBY ASSIST PROVISIONAL IRA REGAIN WELCOME IN THAT COMMUNITY.

4. SEVERAL VIOLENT INCIDENTS OCCURED NORTHERN IRELAND IN HOURS JUST BEFORE AND AFTER MIDNIGHT DEADLINE. THERE SHOOTING INCIDENTS LONDONDERRY, BELFAST AND SOLDIER SLIGHTLY WOUNDED AT TANDRAGEE. MAIN BELFAST-DUBLIN RAILWAY LINE BLOCKED BY SUSPECT CAR BOMB. SO FAR ATTACKS DO NOT RPT NOT APPEAR COORDINATED.

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THERE SIGNS AUTHORITIES TIGHTENING SECURITY MEASURES AT BORDER.

5. GENERAL DISAPPOINTMENT AND ANGER AT PROBABLE RESUMPTION HOSTILITIES HAS NOT RPT NOT TAKEN FORM DESPAIR. THERE MASS NON-DENOMINATIONAL PEACE MARCH CALLED FOR SUNDAY JANUARY 19 TO DEMONSTRATE UNIVERSAL AGREEMENT IN OPPOSITION TO VIOLENCE. REPUBLICAN CLUBS HAVE RENEWED CALL FOR ALL PARTIES MEET WITH FEAKLE CLERGY TO DISCUSS FURTHER PEACE INITIATIVES. PROVISIONAL

SINN FEIN BELIEVES TALKS CAN STILL TAKE PLACE AND SOME
INDIVIDUALS FIND HOPE IN SPECULATION THAT PROVISIONAL IRA
LEADERS DIVIDED ON ENDING CEASEFIRE WITH SEVERAL FAVOURING
FURTHER PEACE INITIATIVES NOW.
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